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Cover photograph by Ansel Adams. The Sphinx, Kings Canyon. Rising 4000 feet above the canyon floor, attempted by a party of rock-climbers as recently as 1935, its summit is still unclimbed.

## Recreation Area Bill Conditionally Opposed

Now pending before Congress is a bill (H.R. 9351) to amend the Act for the Preservation of American Antiquities. The bill provides that "the President in his discretion may by public proclamation create national recreational areas," and that the Secretary of the Interior may permit hunting, prospecting, and mining in such recreational areas. The bill also repeals the thirty-four-year old provision for creation of national monuments by the President.

This bill was introduced without any opportunity being given the Sierra Club for discussion of its novel features which, because of their importance, require the most careful consideration. Varied opinions are expressed by the directors of the Sierra Club as to the ultimate effect of such legislation. Serious

concern is expressed as to the policy of throwing recreational areas open to either mining or hunting, because of the weakening effect on the integrity of national monuments and national parks which constitute a vital part of our national recreational system.

It was therefore resolved that the Sierra Club recommend (a) that further time be given for deliberation and consideration of the effect of this proposed amendment, and (b) that the bill not be enacted at this session of Congress.

WM. E. COLBY

## Redwood Mountain Dedication June 9

There is a treat in store for Sierra Club members and friends who are able to attend the June 9 dedication ceremony for Redwood Mountain in Kings Canyon National Park, and thus avail themselves of this chance to visit a little known region of much beauty, at a time when azaleas and dogwood will be in bloom. The Tulare County towns are sponsoring this celebration. Regional Director Frank A. Kittredge and Dr. Harold C. Bryant, Acting Superintendent of Kings Canyon National Park, will represent the Park Service. M. W. Phillips, of Visalia, heads the dedication committee which comprises practically all of the chambers of commerce of both Tulare and Fresno counties. The Sierra Club representative will be director Phil Bernays.

Following a general gathering for lunch, a few talks will be given at Redwood Mountain Saddle, and later, near Redwood Creek, a plaque will be dedicated to the memory of Murphy and McRae, who preserved the trees until the government purchase insured their safety.

Redwood Mountain and its Big Trees may be reached by auto from Fresno or Visalia, via Badger and Quail Flats.

## Directors Hold Organization Meeting

The annual organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the Club headquarters in San Francisco, Saturday, May 4. Present were directors Adams, Bernays, Clark, Colby, Dawson, Farquhar, Hildebrand, Huber, Kehrlein, LeConte, Leonard, McDuffie, Robinson, Tappaan. Director Starr was absent and excused. Also present by invitation were: Arthur H. Blake, Chairman of the Committee on Mountain Records and Place Names; E. Stanley Jones, Chairman of the Southern California Chapter; David R. Brower, Chairman of the San Francisco Bay Chapter; Charlotte E. Mauk, Chairman of the Mother Lode Chapter.

Dr. Hildebrand called the meeting to order. The report of the Judges of Election was read announcing that on April 13, 1940, all incumbent directors were re-elected.

As officers for the ensuing year Francis D. Tappaan was elected president; Walter A. Starr, vice-president; William E. Colby, secretary; Walter L. Huber, treasurer. Duncan McDuffie was re-elected the fifth member of the Executive Committee. Joseph N. LeConte was re-elected honorary president. The following were re-elected honorary vice-presidents: Horace M. Albright, Francois E. Matthes, J. Horace McFarland, John C. Merriam, Marion R. Parsons, Robert G. Sproul, Ray Lyman Wilbur, William H. Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board, held December 9, 1939, were approved as published in the December *Sierra Club Bulletin*.

### Reports of Secretary, Treasurer

Commenting on his report on membership for the calendar year 1939 contained in the April *Sierra Club Bulletin*, Mr. Colby added that during the first four months of 1940, 489 names were removed from the member-

ship list because of death, resignation, and non-payment of dues. During the same period, 219 new names were added to the list, making the membership 3,976 on May 1, distributed as follows: Southern California Chapter, 1,411; San Francisco Bay Chapter, 1,949; Riverside Chapter, 73; Loma Prieta Chapter, 201; Mother Lode Chapter, 108; general, 234.

The treasurer's report for the calendar year 1939 was accepted as published. Transfer of \$53.33 from the general fund to the lodge current fund as of December 31, 1939, was approved for accounting reasons. Mr. Huber reported that the Executive Committee had authorized investment of the funds received from sixty-five life memberships taken out prior to the raise in rate last November. The investments made were ratified, and a motion passed that in connection with this and any future investment of funds, any premiums shall be transferred to a separate account, "bond premiums unamortized," to be amortized over a period of ten years.

### Trail Fees Discontinued

Prior to the meeting copies of written reports submitted by E. Stanley Jones, David R. Brower, John E. Dole, Melvin H. Johnson, Charlotte E. Mauk, chairmen of the Southern California, San Francisco Bay, Riverside, Loma Prieta and Mother Lode chapters, respectively, were mailed to the directors. These reports were accepted and placed on file. Mr. Jones presented a report of the treasurer of the Southern California Chapter. The sum of \$300 was appropriated out of Sierra Club general funds to help meet the anticipated 1940 current operating deficit of the Chapter, and it was voted that the president appoint a committee to study the Chapter's financial condition.

The Board expressed disapproval of the

collection of trail fees on local trips by any of the chapters and directed that this should be discontinued.

### Reports of Regular Committees

Mr. Leonard reported briefly on outing plans as announced in the five pamphlets recently mailed to all Sierra Club members, and on the early interest in the trips. Dr. Hildebrand commended the Outing Committee for offering a variety of trips.

Mr. Clark reported in detail on Clair Tappaan Lodge matters, including finances, safety measures, the ski tow, and work plans. For improvements to be made during the summer the Committee was authorized to expend \$2000 from funds accruing from operations of the Lodge.

Mr. Clark also reported on Parsons, LeConte, and Shasta lodges. Mr. Colby read a letter of resignation from Mr. F. C. Holman, custodian for many years of LeConte Memorial Lodge, which was accepted with regret. A motion was passed that the Alfred P. Redington bequest of \$500 be used for rehabilitation of LeConte Lodge, to enhance the function of the Lodge in presenting the Sierra Club to Yosemite visitors. Mr. Colby also read a letter from Alfred G. Duhme, custodian of Parsons Memorial Lodge at Tuolumne Meadows. This led to a discussion of plans for improvement of the Soda Springs property. Mr. Colby was authorized to write Mr. Duhme and outline the desires of the directors. It is planned to have an all-chapter outing and a meeting of the Board in Tuolumne Meadows over the Labor Day weekend, with a central commissary handled by the Outing Committee, at which time some of the desired improvements might be made.

Mr. Farquhar reported on work of the Editorial Board. The annual magazine number of the *Sierra Club Bulletin*, for February, 1940, had just come from the printer, and proof of the April number in a new form was available. Mr. Farquhar stated that

the Editorial Board is planning to publish a Kings Canyon National Park issue in 1941, and in 1942 a fiftieth anniversary number.

Mr. Blake reported on his committee's plans for placing of register boxes on many peaks during the next year. He added that the mimeographed list of "Unclimbed Peaks" would soon be revised for distribution among interested Club members, and that the committee has recommended revision, by 1941, of *Mountain Records of the Sierra Nevada*. The Yosemite Valley portion of the committee's *Climber's Guide to the High Sierra* appears in the 1941 magazine number of the *Sierra Club Bulletin*, and the portion on the Whitney Region is planned for the 1941 annual. Approval was given by the Board to the action of this committee regarding several place names, in which several suggested changes of long-established names were opposed.

In the absence of Mr. Starr, chairman of the High Sierra Trails Committee, Mr. Blake reported on trails and camp matters in Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon national parks, and in the national forests. Oliver Kehrlein reported briefly on work of the Glacier Study Committee.

Mr. Robinson reported on progress of winter sports throughout California. He stated that he had been appointed by Superintendent Merriam as a member of a committee to recommend a program for development of winter sports in Yosemite National Park.

Mr. Colby read the report of the Library Committee submitted by its chairman, Alfred E. Weiler. The report mentioned the need for additional shelf space, and the matter was referred back to the committee for specific recommendations.

The report of Louis N. Rice, appointed last May as the Sierra Club representative to co-operate with the California Conservation Council, was read by Mr. Colby. A motion was passed that the report be accepted and placed on file.

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### *Park and Forest Policies*

Dr. Hildebrand reported that, as directed at the October meeting, he had arranged for a meeting of Bestor Robinson, Ray Ingwersen and himself with the Forest Service to discuss the proposed modification of the San Gorgonio Wild Area, at which time they learned that the Forest Service was not ready to make any change. Dr. Hildebrand read a letter from the chairman and secretary of the Riverside Chapter opposing any modification, and similar letters from several members of the Club. A motion was passed that the Sierra Club withdraw its request for an open hearing on the proposed modification of the San Gorgonio Wild Area. A motion was passed that the President appoint a special committee to study the problem of the best possible winter and summer use of the San Gorgonio Wild Area.

Dr. Hildebrand read a letter he had received from Mr. C. B. Morse, Acting Regional Forester, enclosing a copy of new regulations for establishing boundaries of wild and wilderness areas (See *S.C.B.*, April). A motion was passed that the Sierra Club approve these regulations, especially with respect to the safeguards against modification, and that a letter to this effect be written by the Secretary to the Regional Forester.

A motion was passed that the Sierra Club again invite attention to the recommendations previously made (*S.C.B.*, 1938, p. 93) that additional areas in the Sierra Nevada be made wilderness areas.

After some discussion concerning a bill (H.R. 9351) to amend the Act for the Preservation of American Antiquities, a resolution was passed that Congressional action on the bill should be delayed to permit further study (See page 2).

Mr. Colby told of a recent trip into the Kings Canyon which he made with Francis Farquhar and David Brower, accompanied by Dr. Harold C. Bryant and Ernest Davidson of the National Park Service, at the re-

quest of Regional Director Frank A. Kittredge. After this trip Mr. Colby drew up recommendations regarding the King Canyon area which he read to the Board. Each item was discussed by the directors and recommendations approved as reported elsewhere in these pages.

Report was made that the Executive Committee had taken action to oppose H. R. 6975, a bill which proposed to transfer certain lands from Yellowstone National Park to the state of Montana. Mr. McDuffie stated that this bill was stricken from the House calendar on April 19.

Report of a proposal to change the boundaries of Joshua Tree National Monument in southern California having been called to the Club's attention, the Southern California Chapter was asked to study the proposal and report to the Board.

Sierra Club endorsement was given to the establishment of a museum in Death Valley, to serve as a permanent repository for Indian, geologic, and other interesting relics which are now being dissipated. An appeal is made to all public spirited persons that they contribute to a fund to be created for the purpose of purchasing such relics now owned by Indians and others in the vicinity of Death Valley National Monument, such purchases to be placed in the proposed museum.

It was voted that the Sierra Club approve the proposed extension of Death Valley National Monument to include the bighorn range on the western side of the Panamints, and another limited area including Darwin Falls.

### *Sanctuary for Bighorn*

It was voted that the Sierra Club advocate the creation of a sanctuary for the Sierra bighorn on the east side of the Sierra, in Inyo National Forest. This would provide winter protection for the one remaining sizeable band of bighorn in the Sierra. The Kings Canyon National Park now provides protec-

tion for the summer range of the band — near or west of Mount Baxter.

Sierra Club co-operation with the High Sierra Packers Association was authorized in the matter of furnishing information concerning the High Sierra which is important in connection with packers' public relations, the Editorial Board being requested to prepare a brief summary of such information.

Concerning the Club's Kings Canyon film, "Sky-Land Trails of the Kings," David Brower reported that the original and one color copy have been circulated by the Club to an audience of 65,000 persons in 84 showings. In addition the National Park Service has secured a color duplicate. It was felt that although the film is no longer needed to increase interest in creating a national park, it still serves as an effective presentation of Sierra Club activity and purpose. Approval was given to the proposal to revise the film during the coming summer. Formation of a visual-education committee was authorized to coordinate use of films concerning the Club.

### Appointments

Mr. Bernays was appointed to represent

the Sierra Club at the dedication on June 9 of the splendid grove of *Sequoia gigantea* at Redwood Mountain, now a part of Kings Canyon National Park.

Mr. Arthur H. Blake was appointed the official delegate of the Club to the convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, to be held on Labor Day at Snoqualmie Pass, Washington, with the Washington Alpine Club as host. The sum of \$55 was voted toward his expenses.

The following were appointed chairmen of Committees by President Tappaan: Francis P. Farquhar, Editorial Board; Richard M. Leonard, Outing Committee; Lewis F. Clark, Lodge Committee; David R. Brower, Committee on Mountain Records and Place Names; Walter A. Starr, High Sierra Trails Committee; Oliver Kehrlein, Glacier Study Committee; Bestor Robinson, Winter Sports Committee; Lewis F. Clark, Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee; Alfred E. Weiler, Library Committee; Walter A. Starr, Park and Forest Policy Committee; Louis N. Rice, Sierra Club representative to co-operate with the California Conservation Council.

WM. E. COLBY, *Secretary*

### Directors List Recommendations for Kings Canyon

The following plans, outlined to retain as far as possible the wilderness character of Kings Canyon, were approved by the directors at the May meeting, and the attention of the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service, both concerned with Kings Canyon development, has been invited to the plans:

1. Keep all development as far as feasible in lower portion of Kings River Canyon (Cedar Grove area). This would include store, filling station, lodge and cabins, camps.
2. Pack and saddle stock to be kept on south side of river in vicinity of Roaring River in as inconspicuous a place as possible consistent with welfare of stock. This would necessarily mean that present truck road on south side be ex-

tended to stock base to permit feed for animals to be hauled to such base.

3. This will also necessitate building a stock bridge across Roaring River, and one across Kings River below Zumwalt Meadow.
4. A stock trail separate from existing trail should eventually be constructed close to the north wall of the canyon to keep stock separate from pedestrian travel.
5. The truck road on north side of river should be improved to make passable for autos, with turnouts for passing, and parking space at end, where pack saddle animals should be available for start of saddle and pack trips. The location of such area should preferably be away from river, and as close to talus of north wall as feasible.
6. The desirability of continuing the north and south stub roads into a one-way loop road cross-



ing the Kings just above Roaring River. Construction of the loop road will require the building of separate, parallel stock trails between Cedar Grove developments and Roaring River.

7. There should be no development on south side of river east of the lower end of Zumwalt Meadow except slight improvement of existing trail, which should be confined to pedestrian travel. There should be no pasturage of animals in Zumwalt Meadow, which should be permitted to return to its primitive condition. The area on the south side of the river from this meadow east to Bubbs Creek should be maintained as a wilderness area reserved for pedestrians. The question of necessity of a foot bridge opposite Copper Creek should be studied carefully, and unless the need for such a bridge is urgent, it should not be constructed.
8. No extension of the road on the north side of the canyon to the vicinity of Kanawyer should now be undertaken, and such construction should only take place if it is found to be a vital necessity. Under no consideration should there be thought of any continuance of any road beyond Kanawyer.
9. There should be no objection to establishing a ranger station in the vicinity of Kanawyer near

the foot of the Copper Creek trail, if it seems desirable.

10. The Copper Creek, Paradise Valley, and Bubbs Creek trails should be established as the main arteries of travel in and out of the canyon, and improved accordingly.
11. A trail leading out of the canyon into the upper Roaring River basin, as near Roaring River as feasible, should be constructed and continued on into the Kern over Colby Pass.
12. A study should be made of the desirability of High Sierra camps near the floor of the canyon. There should be kept in mind the fact that the wilderness feature of the new park is of paramount importance. General public campsites should not be interfered with. There should be no monopoly of the best sites. There should be no serious interference with general scenic views and landscape.
13. The fencing of suitable areas throughout the park for pasturing of stock should receive careful consideration, as should the possibility of rotation of campsites in areas where heavy travel is liable to injure natural condition. In such studies the preservation of outstanding floral displays, and the desirability of keeping fenced areas as inconspicuous as possible, should control.

## Improvements Planned at Lodges and Huts

Not to be outdone by the Outing Committee, the Lodge Committee also announces several trips for the summer — to the many Club lodges and huts where improvements are planned. The work will be done in most cases by volunteer Club workers under supervision of the general Lodge Committee, or of the separate lodge or hut committees responsible for the particular place. The Sierra Club seems to contain a good many energetic bees that insist on keeping busy. Whether it's felling trees, excavating foundations, carpentering, or other activity needed to enlarge the size and enhance the scope of our lodges, there are those who know how to have fun in a constructive way.

**Clair Tappaan Lodge** — The committee has been authorized to go ahead with plans for augmenting fire-protection and safety facilities, rearrangement of the ski room and tool room, installation of a first-aid room, and structural completion of the building en-

trances. Improvements will be made in the ski-tow rigging, and further stump clearing will be done in the vicinity of the tow. Development of more water storage, especially for fire fighting, is being studied; if feasible a reservoir pond may be constructed in the creek that flows under the dining room. Rearrangement of the washroom plumbing may also be undertaken if finances permit. Work parties will be conducted as in previous seasons, on most of the weekends throughout the summer. Those interested in joining such a party are asked to get in touch with Lewis Clark.

**Peter Grubb Hut** — The agenda calls for completion of the sanitary facilities, further weatherproofing of the end walls, general clean-up inside, gathering of more firewood.

**Keller Peak Hut** — The Mugelnoos exhorts members — climbers, skiers, and otherwise — to sign up for jobs. Assorted craftsmen and women are wanted to help with the

fireplace mantle, light fixtures, furniture, incinerator, curtains, project leaders (bosses). A fistful of sponsors and committee men are listed as advisors on what to do and where to do it. We'll take a chance by mentioning Hut Manager Bill Davies. (See also "Work Parties in the South," in this issue.)

*Harwood Lodge*—The committee is ready to direct the work of improving the road approach, overhauling the washrooms to make them more convenient and adequate. Local benefits are being given to raise money for these projects, but cash contributions will be welcome and should be mailed to Peter Beito. Manpower is also needed and prospective slaves might be able to get encouragement regarding their servitude from Sanford Martin, chairman of the Harwood Supervisory Board.

*LeConte Lodge*—The Board of Directors has authorized the Lodge Committee to reorganize the interior without destroying the reposeful atmosphere. Photographer and director Ansel Adams has developed interest-

ing plans for installing wall panels and album cabinets so that up-to-date photographs of Yosemite and its High Sierra can be presented effectively. One of the front alcoves may be converted into a museum of mountaineering equipment. Over the Memorial Day weekend, and on several other occasions, volunteers will be welcome to help with some of the labor involved.

*Parsons Lodge*—A wooden storage tank will be installed and fresh drinking water pipe-lined from the spring located last summer northeast of the lodge. This work will be started during the early summer by the custodian, and it is hoped to put on the finishing touches at the all-chapters gathering in Tuolumne Meadows in September.

*Shasta Alpine Lodge*—Plans have been considered for the rebuilding of the so-called kitchen, a kind of improvised stockade with a maximum of ventilation and a minimum of convenience. The realization of this long-needed improvement will depend on the securing of additional funds to pay for materials and labor. If a couple of volunteer



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work parties could be organized, ways may be found to obtain the necessary lumber.

### *Wanted: Lodge Photographs*

To aid in assembling an album of pictures of all of the Club lodges, members are invited to send interesting or unusual prints of the buildings or improvement activities to the Lodge Committee at the Club headquarters in San Francisco. (This will also supply photographic material from which to draw for the *Member's Handbook* now being prepared by the Editorial Board.—Ed.)

### *Custodians at the Lodges*

Custodians will be in residence at all of the lodges in northern California during the summer months, to welcome Club members and their friends who may wish to spend a few hours or a few days amid mountain surroundings.

At the Shasta Alpine Lodge William Bridge Cooke has indicated his intention of

again being on hand. He will be able to serve meals if prior arrangements are made, although occasional single meals may be obtained from him at the time.

At the Parsons Lodge in Tuolumne Meadows Albert Duhme will again play genial host. A limited number of cots in the McCauley cabin and the "bear trap" are available for rental to Club members. Certain areas are available to members for camping.

At the LeConte Lodge it is hoped that a custodian will be on hand. After many years of service Mr. Holman has resigned as custodian. There are no camping facilities.

In southern California the Harwood Lodge and ski huts may not be continuously attended, although they will be accessible to members. Those unfamiliar with local arrangements may obtain information regarding access from the Club offices in San Francisco or Los Angeles.

LEWIS F. CLARK, *Chairman  
Lodge Committee*

## Work Parties in the South

The purpose of the work parties at our ski huts in southern California used to be, of course, to build them; and into this purpose went much volunteer time and labor. Now the object of our work parties is to keep the huts in good condition, make any improvements and necessary changes in the buildings, gather wood for the winter fires, do general house-cleaning, and, in the case of the Mount San Antonio Ski Hut, to repair the two-mile trail after winter snows have melted away.

The work party season is from the first of May to the end of October. The dates are set by the ski hut manager, a host is appointed for the weekend, and a notice is put in the quarterly Chapter schedule. Transportation is arranged through the Sierra Club headquarters, or through the host—at least by the preceding Friday.

Commissary is always an important part of

a work party, as the feminine members usually discover when the dinner gong rings. At the Keller Hut one or two girls take charge of meals for the weekend. Saturday night dinner, Sunday breakfast, and lunch are served at cost. During a strenuous morning or afternoon, work is interrupted by a welcome serving of cold lemonade. At the least accessible Mount San Antonio Hut individual commissaries have proven most satisfactory.

Breakfast is served by 7:30, so the workers are early risers. A program is outlined by the host, and work is distributed according to qualifications. Relief from work in the form of lunch comes to the hungry group at noon, after which a half-hour siesta is in order. Then work is continued until 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock.

Work parties are, as the name implies, part work, part party. At the Keller Hut a variety

of entertainment is at hand. After dinner on a Saturday night there are intellectual and parlor games, group songs, moonlight trips, dancing at Little Green Valley to the music of an orchestra or the "juke box." During the summer season a swim in a nearby lake is refreshing on a late Sunday afternoon. Possibilities are the same at San Antonio except

for the swimming and dancing. Perhaps the most pleasant thing about work parties, though, is that you are working out of doors with friends whose company you enjoy, and always with keen anticipation of the many weekends of skiing ahead.

DOROTHY STRAND

## A Glacier Census Needed

This being census year, the United States Geophysical Union has asked for a census of the glaciers of the Sierra. Accordingly the Glacier Study Committee sends out an appeal to all members of the Club, traveling in the mountains this summer, particularly in the later months, to photograph and note conditions of all glaciers and glacial cirques they run across. Photographs or bergschrunds, termini, and terminal moraines will be valu-

able. It is often apparent that some glacier basins have been recently evacuated. Pictures of these should show, among other features, the condition of the morainal system. Date, elevation, and exact location from which photograph was taken should be noted on each photograph. Kindly send all data, as early next fall as possible, to the committee.

OLIVER KEHRLEIN

## On Blisters — Required Reading for Summer Walkers

How many people look forward to that first day on the trail with mingled pleasure and despair, fascination and trepidation, and finally come dragging into camp footsore and weary, all because of blisters on their feet? How often does the camp doctor look forward to that first evening in camp with mingled pleasure and despair, expectation and irritation, finally getting to campfire very late, all because of blisters on so many feet?

It happens every year. And why? Principally because people change suddenly from light shoes to "clod-hoppers," from silk stockings to wool, and then expect their feet to get along in this new environment uncomplaining and unscathed.

Many things can be done to prevent blisters. They are not a necessary evil. First, boots and shoes should be of a good last, which usually means of a high price. There are some fortunate persons who will be fitted well by cheap shoes, but there are more

persons with unusual feet which will need footwear with unusual combination of length, width, arch, and heel. A boot made to order is the last word in foot comfort. Then, of course, footwear should be broken in before the first trail day. Yet how often brand new boots are seen that first day getting their baptism of trail dust, and giving a baptism of blisters in return!

Concerning socks there is a perennial debate. It is generally agreed, however, that two pairs are best, one of which is thick, heavy, and woolen; the other, always worn next to the skin, is usually of lighter weight, either wool, cotton, or silk.

Presume you have proper equipment, and the day is started. Soon, oftentimes, a rub develops, usually on the heel. The best thing to do is to fix it *right now*. Perhaps straightening out the wrinkle in a sock will suffice. Often sprinkling some foot powder in the shoe or sock will prevent the chafe. Or

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changing to a dry pair of socks may be best. A strip of adhesive tape over the exposed area may shield it from injury. If the boot is biting into the Achilles tendon, just above the heel, some boot grease on the counter may soften it and eliminate the trouble.

When blisters develop, as they may even if this advice is followed, it is best to evacuate the fluid from them. This should be done under antiseptic conditions. Some skin antiseptic (3½% tr. of iodine, tr. merthiolate, etc.) is painted on the blister and skin surrounding it, and a sterile needle used to prick the *edge* of the blister. The fluid is gently pressed out, and *the top of the blister is left on*, to protect the new skin forming below.

A thin piece of gauze is then taped over the blister. Heavy, bulky dressings only cause more pressure on the afflicted area, and decrease the foot room within the boot. I have never used any ointment on blisters except when, somehow, the skin has been removed leaving a red, raw base. In this case I have found tanning the raw area with alternate applications of 10% tannic acid and 10% silver nitrate solutions, or tannic acid jelly, promoted quicker healing.

Nothing I have said is really new; everyone knows it; yet most everyone seems to forget it when they need it most.

H. STEWART KIMBALL, M.D.

## High Sierra Packers

Unless you're a died-in-the-wool footburner, you will be patronizing a packer on your private Sierra trip this summer; so it is hoped that the accompanying list of packers and their locations will help you in deciding where to go and how to go it. This list does not include all of the sixty-odd packers in the Sierra because space does not permit. There is at least one packer listed in each packing area, however, so that you have ample geographical distribution to choose from. Packers mentioned here, with one or two exceptions, are all members of the High Sierra Packers Association. Areas are listed geographically, working from Yosemite south along the west slope to Kernville, then up Owens Valley to just south of the Tioga Road. Any point in the High Sierra is accessible from at least one of these areas. Descriptions of the country accessible are merely to give an idea of where the locations are. Pack stations on different sides of the mountains are often starting points for the same back country regions. In general, one can get into the high country more quickly from the east side, but many prefer the west side as an approach because of the greater variety of

country found along the trails to higher elevations.

When writing to packers tell them you are a Sierra Club member. Many packers do not have a proper understanding of the general interest of members in such individual trips, nor of their great and sincere interest in working, as do the packers, to protect and perpetuate the primitive areas of national forests and parks, cessation of road development in which is essential to the proper enjoyment of such pack trips.

*Guide to the John Muir Trail*, by Walter A. Starr, Jr., (obtainable at the Club office and at leading bookstores) will be of great help in planning a pack trip in the Sierra.

**Yosemite**—For trips in the Yosemite High Sierra. Packer, Yosemite Park and Curry Co.; address, Yosemite National Park.

**Soldier Meadow**—North and Middle forks of San Joaquin. Billy Brown Pack Outfit, Coarsegold.

**Huntington and Florence Lakes**—South Fork San Joaquin, Evolution and Mono creeks. Vaud Cunningham, Huntington Lake; Glenn Burns, Huntington Lake.

**Dinkey Creek and Coolidge Meadows**—North Fork Kings River, upper South Fork San Joaquin, Hell-for-Sure Pass, LeConte Canyon, Simpson Meadow, Tehipite. Ted Anderson, Tollhouse; Rae Crabtree, Tollhouse.

*Hume and Big Meadow*—South Fork Canyon Kings River, Roaring River, Colby Pass, Kern-Kaweah. Hugh Traweck, Hume; Ernest Cecil, Badger.

*Giant Forest and Mineral King*—Deadman and Cloud canyons, upper Kern River, Little Kern. Earl McKee, Sequoia National Park; Mineral King Packing Co., Mineral King.

*Springville*—Little Kern River and middle Kern (particularly good during early part of season and in the fall for deer hunting). C. A. Spangler, Springville; D. G. McComber, Camp Nelson via Springville.

*Kernville*—Lower Kern, meadow country south of Golden Trout Creek. Earl Pascoe, Road's End.

*Olancho*—South Fork, Kern River. Barney Sears (Cottonwood Creek), Olancho; Sam Lewis (Haiwee Canyon), Dunsmuir.

*Lone Pine*—Kern River and Golden Trout Creek, Mulkey, Cottonwood, Army, or Whitney passes. Chrysler & Cook, Lone Pine.

*Independence*—Tyndall Creek, headwaters South

Fork of Kings, Bubbs Creek, Rae Lakes, Woods Creek. Allie Robinson, Independence.

*Big Pine*—Big Pine Lakes, Palisade Glacier, Glacier Lodge, Coyote Hills (deer hunting). Wallace Partridge (Big Pine Creek), Bishop.

*Bishop Creek*—LeConte Canyon, Piute Creek, Evolution Valley. Warren Halliday, care Parcher's Camp, Bishop; H. Schober, Bishop.

*Pine Creek*—Pine Creek Pass, lakes. George Brown (Round Valley), Bishop.

*Rock Creek*—Mono Creek, Vermillion Valley, upper Fish Creek. Wendell Gill, Broken Bar Pack Outfit, Bishop.

*McGee Creek*—Cascade Valley, upper Fish Creek. Cecil Thorington, Bishop.

*Mammoth Lakes*—Upper Middle Fork of San Joaquin. Archie Mahan, Mammoth Lakes; Don McGuffin, Bishop.

*Silver Lake*—Thousand Island Lake, Lyell Fork of Tuolumne. Slim Tatum, June Lake.

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## Committee Appointments for 1940-41

*Outing Committee*—Richard M. Leonard (chairman), Phil S. Bernays, Herbert L. Breed, Braeme E. Gigas, Milton Hildebrand, Oliver Kehrlein, Norman B. Livermore, Jr.

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*Glacier Study Committee*—Oliver Kehrlein (chairman).

*Winter Sports Committee*—Bestor Robinson (chairman).

## Going, Going —

Four hundred fifty unclimbed peaks appeared on the horizon for those who first perused Richard M. Leonard's catalog of Sierra summits rising 500 feet or more above their highest saddles. Some were unclimbed because of difficulty, others because of their remoteness; many were "unclimbed" merely because records of ascent were lacking.

But that was back in 1934. Since then rock-climber and rope have answered the challenge of difficulty, varied outings and knapsack trips have solved the problem of remoteness, Sierranistorians have supplied missing records. Armed with topographic maps covered with tiny circles representing the supposedly untouched summits, all three categories of mountaineers have set out to decimate the *terra incognita*. Have they been successful?

To a degree, yes. For there are now only 328 peaks for which the Committee on Mountain Records and Place Names has no data. Twenty summits a year have, on the average, left the ranks. The resulting accumulation of information is more than a game to the committee; it serves as important background work for the serial presentation of

*A Climber's Guide to the High Sierra*, planned to appear eventually as a companion book to Starr's *Guide to the John Muir Trail*.

Two committee publications are available to members who would aid the research: *Mountain Records of the Sierra Nevada*, with its 116 mimeographed pages listing the first five known ascents of Sierra peaks and routes; and *Unclimbed (?) Peaks of the High Sierra*, revised to June 1, 1940, which lists the peaks for which the committee has no records.

Especially desired by the committee are records for the Whitney region, since the portion of the *Climber's Guide* for that region is now being prepared for the 1941 magazine number of the *Sierra Club Bulletin*. These should be sent to John D. Mendenhall, vice-chairman for southern California. Mountaineers who have accomplished noteworthy ascents in the Sierra, but have been restrained to the point of keeping this information to themselves, or others who would learn more of the 328 peaks, should communicate with the Committee on Mountain Records.

D. R. B.

## Nature Study Group Active

For over a year the Nature Study Group of the San Francisco Bay Chapter has been holding evening meetings and conducting Sunday field trips for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the natural history of the world in which we live. At the evening meetings, which are held once each month, the members of the group have either been addressed by an authority on some phase of natural history, or have taken part in laboratory exercises in botany, geology, or ornithology that would compare with similar exercises in elementary college courses. The Sunday field trips for the study of plants

and animals have been conducted especially for the group once or twice each month, and emphasis has been placed on that phase studied "in the laboratory" at the preceding evening meeting.

The group has developed primarily as a study group, and from the beginning emphasis has been on studying rather than on merely supplying information or furnishing entertainment. For example, in botanical exercises flowers are dissected, and an understanding of the principles underlying botanical classification is sought. To assist with the identification of certain groups of plants

and animals found in the Bay area or in the Sierra Nevada, outlines or keys have been prepared which, although they are more simple than those found in larger manuals or treatises, are entirely scientific in scope and treatment. A new publication has been opened to care for these notes, *Sierra Club Nature Notes*, and although the series is open to contributions from any of the chapters, all of the numbers so far issued have been prepared by the Nature Study Group of the San Francisco Bay Chapter. To the present time nine numbers of notes have been issued, seven treating of the plants and birds of Marin County, one with the trees of the Sierra Nevada, and one with common botanical terms (illustrated).

Already the *Notes* have served a useful purpose, and they have received brief but favorable notice from the editor of the *Taxonomic Index* to American botanical literature that is issued at the New York Botanical Garden. The series is mimeographed, and is sold by the Nature Study Group of the Bay Chapter at cost.

Because of the more serious character of the activities of the group, attendance has never been very large, but it has been quite uniform, and the members have an enthusiasm that shows they are interested in learning how to make critical scientific observations on their own.

JOHN THOMAS HOWELL

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A Kings Canyon National Park number of the *Sierra Club Bulletin* for February, 1941, is being planned by the Editorial Board, to portray in word and picture the story of our newest national park. Prospective contributors are asked to keep this in mind during their coming summer trips. Glossy 8x10 photographs, unaccompanied by paper clips and heavily marked reverse-side captions, are preferred. The deadline has been set for November 15. It is hoped that all material will be in by that date, since no satisfactory method has yet been devised whereby

the annual magazine number may appear in February without contributions having been submitted on time. This, at least, is the editor's story.

### New Index Ready

Now ready upon request of those who are binding their annual magazine numbers of the *Sierra Club Bulletin* is the index to volumes XXI through XXIV — 1936 to 1939, inclusive. It should be noted that this index does not include the contents of the latest magazine number.

## Tuolumne Meadows — Labor Day

The first touch of High Sierra autumn, in a setting long famous for its beauty . . . an open meeting of the Board of Directors of the Club . . . opportunities to meet members from all chapters, to make short trips to nearby lakes, streams, and peaks — and to have fun "in a constructive way" on the Parsons Lodge grounds . . . central commissary, climbs, campfires . . .

These are the claims of those who have

planned the all-chapters Labor Day outing to Tuolumne Meadows, for which substantiating details will appear in local schedules soon. This notice is just to suggest that you might want to be on hand to check the claims, and will therefore save the dates August 31 to September 2. Reservations for meals will be handled at the Club office in San Francisco by the same procedure used for the Yosemite spring outing.



## Outing Deadlines Near

Never failing as a source of amazement to the Outing Committee is the continued increase in popularity of the wide scope of summer trips offered. Since 1938 the committee has contrived an average of two new kinds of trips each year. The Yosemite spring outing and the burro trips were invented first. Next, and at opposite ends of the economic scale, came the saddle and knapsack trips. This year the base camp trip and a Labor Day outing to Tuolumne Meadows have been added to the program. With each innovation the committee members ask each other, "Will the demand keep pace with the supply?"

This year's answer came soon. Within ten days of the mailing of the various and many hued announcements, reservations covering one-third of the anticipated attendance for each trip had been made. They have continued to come in heavily, and the 460-odd places on the several summer trips are soon expected to be filled. The Yosemite trip has already been more popular than that of last year, even though it has been limited to members and their families.

Remember — there is an extra charge for reservations or cancellations made after the

respective deadlines. Full details will be found in the outing announcements, extra copies of which are available upon request at the Club office in San Francisco.

**High Trip.** Leaving Kings Canyon June 29 for a circle trip through the High Sierra of Kings Canyon and Sequoia national parks. *Deadline, June 8.*

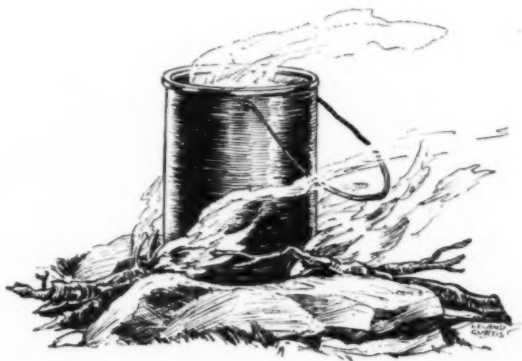
**Burro Trips.** Leaving Florence Lake at four two-week intervals starting June 30, on itineraries chosen by the members. *Deadline, June 20.*

**Base Camp Trip.** Leaving Kings Canyon July 28 for two weeks at East Lake, where members may rest or roam as the spirit dictates. *Deadline, July 13.*

**Knapsack Trip.** Leaving South Lake July 28 for a two-week, forty-mile circuit of the Palisades. Three caches to make it easy, but not too easy. *Deadline, July 15.*

**Saddle Horse Trip.** Leaving in August for those who would see the Sierra from a saddle — just how, to be determined by the enrollees. *Deadline, July 20.*

Whichever trip you choose, whether a Club outing or a private excursion, the abundant winter snows have already promised you an especially beautiful summer.





JUNCTION PEAK FROM THE NORTH—By Ansel Adams

*As the "second two-weekers" will see it.*

